

**City of Yonkers Police Department / Office of Emergency  
Management**

**Need for public safety mobile broadband communications capability and  
improved interoperability.**

- YOEM presently does not have public safety UHF capability.
- YOEM applied for a frequency in February 2006 facilitated by APCO.  
(05PWAP460202910)  
Paid APCO \$495.00 for application preparation and \$ 100.00 frequency coordination  
fee.
- Was told that the APCO coordination process may take 30-60 days and  
the FCC licensing process 3 to 4 months.
- In May, 2006 we were advised by APCO that they were unable to  
successfully coordinate our application. The reason given was a lack of  
adequate spectrum.
- We were given the recommendation to withdraw our application; this  
is unacceptable.
- It is the responsibility of Congress and the FCC to see that broadband  
networks are built and maintained to meet public safety requirements.
- How can the FCC consider a commercial auction of spectrum when  
there are unmet needs in public safety?